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PARALLELIZED REPLAY OF  
AN NVRAM LOG IN A STOR-  
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**In the Drawings:**

Please enter the enclosed corrected drawings with corrections in red ink and corresponding revised formal drawings for Figs. 3 and 6.

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in connection with the above-identified patent application to address minor typographical errors located with respect to Figs. 3 and 6 as filed. Appropriate correction to two misspelled words ("RAID" and "ALLOCATOR") are made in Fig. 3. These corrections are clearly supported by the original con-